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For: METHODS FOR *AGROBACTERIUM*-MEDIATED TRANSFORMATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend the following claims:

Please cancel claims 25-26, 35-36, 45-46, and 56-60.

Please add the following new claims:

62. (New) A maize cell prepared by a method for transforming maize, wherein the method comprises the steps of:
- contacting at least one immature embryo from a maize plant with *Agrobacterium* capable of transferring at least one gene to the embryo;
 - co-cultivating the embryo with *Agrobacterium*; and
 - culturing the embryo in a medium comprising N6 salts, an antibiotic capable of inhibiting the growth of *Agrobacterium*, and a selective agent to select for the embryo expressing the gene.

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